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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Yoshiaki NAKAMURA, et al.  
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For : IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND ITS  
DRIVING METHOD  
Art Unit : 2624  
Examiner : Daniel ZEILBERGER

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**AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

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This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request  
for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action  
mailed October 10, 2008, the term for response to which is  
extended by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to  
February 10, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 14,  
17-21, 39, and 42-44 are amended; claims 2-7, 9-13, and 22-38 are  
maintained; and claims 8, 15, 16, 40, and 41 are canceled.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.